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“Educator as Decision Maker”

An educator accepts the responsibility of playing multiple roles in a student’s educational process. In a broader scope, the educator’s role of being a decision maker allows them to be able to best meet the needs of the students in the classroom. As an educator, I will need to decide how to best present my knowledge on the subject, how to best utilize the vast new technology available, how to teach based on the diversity of the students and their learning style, and possess the ability to uphold the ethics of the profession.

An educator must possess full knowledge of the subject to be able to best teach the subject to the students. My goal is to obtain my license in the area of Mathematics and Science. Having experience in the field of Horticulture, I will be able to use my experience working with nature to teach my students in the different areas of Earth Sciences. This will include, but not be limited to, plant biology, soil texture, and land formation in the Science field; in Mathematics, it will include area measurement calculations and the understanding and applications of various angles taught in geometry.

Technology has become a valuable tool in teaching. Students are now able to access a vast amount of information in a short amount of time. As an educator, I will use this tool to teach students in the classroom. In Science, students can learn through technology about different climates, land structures, and animal life around the globe. This learning will be done through text and visual stimulation.

As an educator, it is important to understand the diversity issues of not only the students, but the diversity of the learning styles of the students. Students in the classroom will come from a variety of social and cultural backgrounds; family structure and language barriers could limit the effectiveness of the learning. As an educator, I must be able to recognize these diverse issues, and then be able to access any needed assistance in reaching the students with the use of the guidance counselors, or language interpreters.

Educators are responsible for the teaching of students of the subject matter and helping shape the students ethical standards and practices. An educator must display this in their own conduct in and out of the classroom. It is necessary to teach students the importance of hard work, and then show the students what the rewards are of that work. An educator cannot allow unethical practices to come into the classroom. This includes cheating on assignments by plagiarizing, or by the use of technology on tests. An educator must display a high ethical standard themselves. An educator cannot discriminate students based on their race, religious beliefs or social backgrounds, and must maintain a proper student-teacher relationship at all times. As an Educator, I acknowledge these standards and accept that responsibility.

An educator is responsible for teaching and molding students as they grow. I fully understand the responsibility that is involved in the education field. By combining the components of Knowledge, Technology, Diversity, and Ethics, I believe that I can help students achieve success in and out of the classroom being in the role of Decision Maker.